

A

# REVIEW

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# BRITISH NATION.

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Tuesday, August 31. 1708.

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**A**ND shall I tell you some News now about *Scotland*, for I know you love new Stories? — And the first I shall present with, is, that at *Edinburgh* they have hang'd two Men, and banish'd a third, for a Crime that was neither Treason, Murder, Piracy, Felony, Burglary, Rape, Sodomy, Clipping, Coining, or any of the Sorts for which Men are usually put to Death in our Country.

O necessary Severity! Were a Law but made for the like in *England*, what Havock would it make among us? These Men were hang'd for 'a trifling Thing, we make nothing of, call'd *Forgery*.

Three Things Men die for in *Scotland*, which in *England* they make nothing of; nay, Two

Two of them they commit, in the Face of the Sun, boast of it, and insult others with it, namely *Adultery* and *Atheism*; about the Year 93, an obstinate Atheist was executed for openly denying GOD, his Name was *Akenhead*, and at the very Gallows he persisted in it, and pretended to defie his Maker, and his Power, and Providence. But as it far's with all that pretend to that inconsistent and incongruous Wickedness, his Eyes open'd just before they were to be shut for ever, and he dy'd in the utmost Confusion; a terrible Spectacle and Example to all the wretched Crew of Miserables, who which the Fool say in their Hearts there is no GOD.

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About two Year after, two Men and a Woman made their Exit by the Halter at the Crofs of *Edinburgh*, for that moft fashionable Crime of Adultery— Were all our Adulterers to go out of the World that way, we fhould make fad Breaches in Families, whole Characters feem now as white and fair as much honefter People.

Here, how many open Adulterers defie our Laws, or rather defie us for Want of Law; in this Nation Men may deny GOD, insult their Neighbours, break in upon Marriage-Vows, defile the Bed, debauch the Vertuous, delude the Simple, and rage in unrestrain'd Lufts, while the Silent Law puts neither Fetters upon the Crime, nor upon the Criminal; Adultery, as a Trifle not worth Notice, paffes without a Cenfure; Families are blended together between the Vile and the Vertuous, and Men mingle the Clean and the Unclean together; when they have debauch'd the Blood, and made the Legal Off-fpring in a manner fpurious, or at beft doubtful, they revel upon the Honour of the Perfon abused, and boast of the Crime oftner than they commit it.

These are Truths too plain to be deny'd, too common not for every Body to know, and too melancholly not to move our juft Concern— But to defend from them to the Cafe in hand, the Point of Forgery I mean.

Two Men hang'd in the Streets of *Edinburgh* for Forgery, and the Third banish'd! hang'd for Forgery! Remember that, *Gentlemen* Hangers onto the Law, that counterfeit Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Letters of Attorney, &c. every Day, and fend wealthy Families ruin'd and miserable to the Fleet and Queen's-Bench for Shelter; Remember it, and have a care how you go on, left you open our Eyes here, and make us sensible of the Want of fuch a Law among us.

What is the Reason that none of our Petty-Foggers, Projectors, Affidavit-Men, Hackney-Bail, Street-Solicitors, and fuchlike People, go to *Scotland*; Wretches, of whom a little Army lurks about this Town, and live like Locusts upon the innocent Men's Blessings,

that to deliver a Man out of one Prison, carry him into two, that opprefs the Debtor to fave him from his Creditor, that ruin more Families than the Commissions of Bankrupt, and embarras the poor Client in a thoufand Difficulties, to extricate him out of one? What is the Reason none of these People go to *Scotland*? — O Gentlemen, the Reason is plain; Drunkards have gone there for good Claret, and Merchants lately for good Brandy; but R——s always keep as far as poffible from the Scent of the Gallows; in *Scotland* Men are hang'd for Forgery, banish'd for Forgery; what fhould fuch Men as we talk of go there for?

O were there but due Debates once of this Matter in the *House of Commons*, could it be but juftly-represented to them, what Swarms of these Vermine infect this Town, what Ruins and Marks of their voracious Dealings are to be feen in fome of our beft Families in *England*? And could they but fee now free *Scotland* is of fuch People, how rare it is to find any thing of this Nature praftis'd there, how ill it generally fucceeds, and how feverely it is punish'd there, and that fuch a Trifle as the Gallows is the effectual Remedy, a meer Specifick for the Diftemper; they would certainly beftow that fo ufeful, fo beneficial, and fo much wanted Remedy upon us, to make us once happy, in a Deliverance which could never yet be obtain'd, and which we have fo long wanted.

Have we a great many Gentlemen, and fome of good Families and Fortunes, Merchants and Dealers of large Credit and great Buſineſs, who now languish in Mints, Fleets, Rules and other Places of Protection; and is it grown a Scandal upon the Nation to have them there? Pray, how came they thither; or more particularly, what has reduc'd them there to a Kind of Impossibility of getting out again? Ask them, Gentlemen, if the Sort of People, I am ſpeaking of, has not lock'd two thirds of them up there for their Lives without Remedy, but by an Act of Grace, under Pretence of miking up their Affairs, or forcing their way out, picking their Pockets of the poor Remainder of their distress'd Fortunes, and if that

that which at first might have made their Peace with their Creditors, who being exasperated by their standing off, and forcing them to Law, at last prove inexorable and unmerciful.

O for a Gallows for some of these Peo-

ple! a little Hanging would be a Thunder Clap, that would disperse the Cloud of them that hovers about us; and in *Scotland* ye have the Example, may it be follow'd here with equal Success.

## MISCELLANEA.

*The Remainder of the Answers, &c. which was promis'd in our Last, is as follows.*

*Edinburgh, 13 March, 1708.*

THE Magistrates having consider'd the Libel exhibited to them by their Proc. Fiscal against Mr. *Andrew Cant*, and others Defenders, with the Laws and Orders whereupon the same is founded, as also the Answers made thereto by the said Defenders with the hail Instructions thereof. They repel the Dilatory Defences made by the said Defenders in Respect of the known Custom within *Burgh*, and the Subject and Laws libel'd; as also they repel all the other Defences proposed for the Defenders, and find that since they have not qualified themselves to the Government by taking the Oath of Allegiance, and subscribing the same with the Assurance, or have not pray'd for her Majesty Queen *ANNE*, *nominatim*, either of those both Relevant, and proven to infer the Cruelsome of the Libel. Therefore decerns and ordains the said Defenders and every one of them to desist from keeping any Meeting-Houses within the City of *Edinburgh*, *Leith* and *Canon-gate*, and the other Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and from preaching or exercising any Part of the Ministerial Function within the same in all time coming, under the Pain of Imprisonment, and to find Caution for that Effect betwixt and the 30th Day of *March* instant; and in the mean time decerns and ordains their Meeting-Houses to be forthwith shut up; and farther, because Mr. *George Grayhame* one of the Defenders hath confess'd his high Contempt, that reading the *English* Service, when he came to

the Prayers for her Majesty Queen *ANNE*, he past over and omitted the same. Therefore the Magistrates decern and ordain him to be carry'd immediately Prisoner to the Tolbooth of *Edinburgh*, therein to remain until the Lords of her Majesty's Privy Council shall inflict on him such further Punishment as they shall think meet, for which Effect the Magistrates remit his Case to the said Lords as said is.

*16 July, 1708.*

Mr. *Andrew Cant*, Mr. *William Abercrombe*, Mr. *Robert Sheen*, Mr. *Robert Cheyne*, Mr. *David Friebern*, Mr. *John Winger*, Mr. *Alexander Guttrie*, Mr. *David Rankeir*, Mr. *James Walker*, Mr. *Robert Moncrief*, Ministers present, and examin'd anent their exercising the Ministerial Function, or any Part thereof since the 13th Day of *March* last, when they were sentenc'd not to exercise any Part of the said Function, without qualifying themselves by taking the Oaths, &c. they all acknowledg'd, they had exercised Part of the Ministerial Function since that time. Therefore the Magistrates ordain the said Defenders to attend the Morrow against 10 of the Clock Forenoon.

*17 July, 1708.*

Mr. *Andrew Cant*, Mr. *William Abercrombe*, Mr. *David Rankeir*, Mr. *Alexander Guttrie*, and Mr. *John Winger*, Defenders present, and interrogate, whe her or not they had given Obedience to the Sentence pronounced against them the 13th Day of *March* last, by desisting from exercising the Ministerial Function within the Liberties of the Town of *Edinburgh*. To which they answer'd, that they had desisted for some time

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Since that Sentence, but not altogether, it being Matter of Conscience to them and not of Choice; which being consider'd by the Magistrates, they decerned and ordain'd the said Mr. Andrew Cant, Mr. William Abbr-crombie, Mr. David Rankeir, Mr. Alexander Guthrie, and M. John Winzet, Defenders, to be instantly carry'd to Prison, there to remain until they obtemper the said Sentence pronounced against them the 13 Day of March last.

Sa. McLellan, Provost.  
Geo. Warrender  
Jo. Duncan } Bailies.  
Jo. Campbell  
Arch. Cockburne

#### A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

These are to give Notice,

**T**HAT **MARY KIRLEUS**, the Widow of **JOHN KIRLEUS**, Son of Dr. **THO. KIRLEUS**, a Sworn-Physician, in Ordinary to King Charles II. Sells (rightly prepar'd) his Famous Drink and Pills; experienc'd above 50 Years (by an uncommon Method) to cure all Ulcers, Sores, Scabs, Itch, Scurf, Scurvies, Leprosies, Running of the Reins, and the most inveterate **VENEREAL Disease**, with all its attending Symptoms, without Fluxing, Confinement, or destructive Mercurial Preparations: These incomparable Medicines need no Words to express their Virtues; the many miserable Ones that have been happily cured, after given over by others, sufficiently recommend them as the most Sovereign Remedy in the World against all such Malignities: She cures many after Fluxing; and in Compassion to the Distressed, will deal according to the Patient's Ability. The Drink is 3 s. the Quart, the Pill 1 s. the Box with Directions, and Advice *Gratis*. **NOTE**, The Patient may be effectually cur'd by sending his Grief in Writing.

††† She lives at the Golden-Ball in Hand-Court, over against great Turnstile in Holborn.



**BARTLETT'S** Inventions for the Cure of Ruptures, which have gain'd so Universal Esteem, are now, yet farther improv'd to so great a Nicety, that one of his Steel Spring Trusses of the largest Size, seldom Exceeds 4 ounces in Weight, and one of the smallest rarely exceeds a quarter of an Ounce, and are so well adapted to the Shapes of human Bodies, that they are extraordinary easy even to Infants of a Day Old, and Intirely keep up the Ruptures of what Bigness soever. Also divers Instruments to help the Weak and Crooked. By P. Bartlett at the Golden Ball by the Ship Tavern in Prescot Street in Goodman's Fields, London.

**NOTE**, He forges and finishes his Trusses himself, by which means he daily Improves his Inventions.

**T**homas Pritchard, at the Saracens-Head in Little Carter Lane, near St. Paul's, London, having a Son who had a very bad Rupture, and applying to Mr. Bartlett, at the Golden Ball in Prescot-street in Goodman's-Fields, London, He perform'd the Cure in four Days to my great Surprize, and my Son has remain'd well ever since.

This is to give Notice, that I Richard Baker, of Lawrence-Polneys Lane, Cannonsstreet, London, having had a Rupture for about fifty Years; at last I apply'd my self to the late Mr. Christopher Bartlett, at the Golden Ball by the Tavern in Prescot-street in Goodman's-Fields; who, by his ingenious Invention of Spring-Trusses and Rupture Spirits, with the Blessing of GOD, made a perfect Cure in about eight Months, and I have been perfectly well ever since, which is about four or five Years.

**NOTE**, His Son P. Bartlett lives at the same Place as above-mention'd, and carries on the same Business, as his Father did, having been by him thoroughly Instructed therein.